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Quality of Pistols/Revolvers
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permissible revolvers/pistols produced by Department of Defence Production so far;

(b) the State-wise details of the licence-holders who have been provided the said arms;

(c) whether there is a need for technical improvement in the quality of pistols/revolvers;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be improved; and

(e) the time being taken by the Department of Defence Production to issue revolvers/pistols to the licence-holders after receiving the amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) The production details of permissible/non-prohibited bore weapons so far in the current year, produced by Ordnance Factories for civilian use, are as under :

Weapon	Produced so far
.32 Revolver	17679
.32 Pistol	4235
.22 Revolver	580

(b) The State-wise details of the license holders who have been provided the said arms:

State	.32 Revolver	.32 Pistol	.22 Revolver
Assam	-	132	-
Arunachal Pradesh	-	8	-
Andhra Pradesh	25	59	10
Bihar	269	312	-
Chattisgarh	50	43	1
Delhi	212	31	83
Goa	5	12	-
Gujarat	416	45	20
Haryana	1554	1029	101
Himachal Pradesh	88	33	-
Jammu & Kashmir	132	76	-
Jharkhand	-	46	58	-
Karnataka	-	171	31	43
Kerala	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	350	79	42
Maharashtra	623	58	1
Manipur	-	-	-
Meghalaya	1	18	-
Orissa	17	67	1
Punjab	2029	209	83
Rajasthan-	307	78	21
Sikkim	1	-	-
Tamil Nadu	10	43	2
Uttarakhand	263	112	1

Uttar Pradesh	11006	1583	125
West Bengal	24	58	16
Union Territory	11	0	31

(c) & (d): Technical improvement of product is a continuous process.In current year i.e. 2006-2007, firing mechanism of .32" Revolver was improved to further reduce probability of misfire and work is going on for reducing efforts for trigger pull, which is likely to be implemented in 2007-2008. Similarly, issue of self unlocking was resolved in 2006-2007 by certain design changes in firing mechanism of .32" pistol.Trials are being carried out at present to give coloured Teflon coating to pistol body, for improved surface protection and better appearance,which is expected to be implemented in 2007-2008.

(e) As the Ordnance Factories are basically producing arms and ammunition for Defence Forces, priority is accorded for production of Defence items.Depending upon the workload of Defence Forces, the production and issue of Revolvers/ Pistols to the civilian license holders, takes one to four months time.